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VIA: 75438-06081047@requests.muckrock.com

Mr. Terry Brown MuckRock News Muckrock News 411A Highland Ave Somerville, MA 02144

Re: FOIA No.: 820-2019-000411

Dear Mr. Brown:

Your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received on September 30, 2019, is processed. Our search began on October 01, 2019. All agency records in creation as of October 01, 2019 are within the scope of EEOC's search for responsive records. The paragraph(s) checked below apply.

[X] Your request is closed for administrative reasons. An attachment to this letter further explains this closure.

[X] You may contact the EEOC FOIA Public Liaison, Stephanie D. Garner, for further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request. In addition, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer.

The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at (202)741-5769.

The contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison: (see contact information in the above letterhead or under signature line).

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal in writing. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted in 90 days from receipt of this letter to the Office of Legal Counsel, FOIA Division, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 131 M Street, NE, 5NW02E, Washington, D.C. 20507, or by fax to (202) 653-6056, or by email to FOIA@eeoc.gov, or online at the following public access link (PAL): https://publicportalfoiapal.eeoc.gov/palMain.aspx. Your appeal will be governed by 29 C.F.R. § 1610.11.

[X] See the attached Comments page for further information.

Re: FOIA No.: 820-2019-000411 (Terry Brown)

Sincerely,

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FOIA Division

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Applicable Sections of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b):

Comments

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request is denied because on October 04, 2019, Tevin Williams sent you a letter explaining that you need to submit a "filed" stamped court complaint in order to receive a copy of an EEOC charge file. We have received no further correspondence from you on this matter and your request has been administratively withdrawn as of today's date.

This determination letter does not prevent you from submitting a new FOIA request at a future point in time.

For more information about submitting a FOIA request, please review the following URL: https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/foia/requests.cfm

This response was prepared by **Tevin Williams**, **Government Information Specialist**, who may be reached via email at <u>FOIA@eeoc.gov</u> or by phone at (202) 663-4500.